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In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Sadami Takeoka et al.

Confirmation Number: 3437

Application No.: 09/843,687

Group Art Unit: 2825

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Examiner: Do, Thuan V.

For: METHOD OF DESIGNING SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached: Response to Restriction Requirement

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	4	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	10	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple dependent claims newly presented			\$0.00
	Fee for extension of	Fee for extension of time			
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculat				ve Calculations	\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: